

February 22, 2009

Welcome to Ridgecrest today!

Whether you are a long time member or a first time attendee, you are welcome. Our prayer for all who attend today will be that they see the love of Christ in the lives of His people at Ridgecrest both in our worship and our small groups. We welcome Jane Green into the family of Ridgecrest! We are grateful for the new members that the Lord continues to send our way. Pray for those who need to make salvation decisions as well as those that God has called to be our fellow members.

Today we are at the last sermon in our series on Drawing Near. We are looking at the importance of listening today. One of the names of Jesus is Immanuel, God with us. This should be a constant reminder to us that God desires to speak to us every day and that His Spirit desires to walk with us through every day's events. Listening to God is a vital part of drawing near to God. This is not some drawn out method, but as simple as taking a walk with the Lord every day. And as hard as letting Him do some of the talking!

The important part of listening to God is to listen with a heart that is ready to obey what we hear from Him. Why should God reveal His will to us if we are not going to do it? But to those that God knows are ready to obey, He speaks into their ears the wonderful words of wisdom for their life on that particular day.

So make sure that each day has a time where you walk and talk and listen to the Lord. But most of all make sure that you listen with a heart that is ready to obey. Those are the ears that will hear the revealed will of God that will take them to their purpose for that day.

God Bless – Bro. Phil

If you need to reach Bro. Phil other than during office hours, please dial 601-260-4076.

Welcome Guest

Please take a moment during the service to fill out a "Blue Card" located in the pew pocket if...

- ...You would like information about our Sunday School groups
- ...You would like information about Ridgecrest and our ministries
- ...You would like to know how to become a Christian and a member of the church

Please place the card in the offering plate and we will contact you as indicated. Thank you for choosing to worship today at Ridgecrest.

CONSTRUCTION MISSION TRIP TO HARLAN, KY – Spring Break, March 14 – 21. We are going to be putting the finishing touches on the sanctuary. If you are interested in this opportunity, contact Bro. Joe and/or sign up at the Missions kiosk across from the Coffee Corner. Travel dates are set. Please see Bro. Joe for details.

Metro Baptist Association **Annual Missions Fair and Banquet will be March 5th at Highland Colony Baptist Church.** If you would like to attend, please contact the Church Growth office at ext. 33 for time and ticket information. Deadline for tickets is Thursday, February 26th.

Building Teams Needed – Metro Baptist Association will begin building a lodge at Camp Kernop **March 6 – 7 and March 13 – 14.** All types of skills and tools are needed. Camp Kernop is the new Association campsite approximately 35 miles north of Canton. Contact Mike McCool at ext. 30 for additional information and to volunteer.

MEN'S ADVENTURE

Two opportunities for an adventure like no other - Men's Fraternity: The Quest for Authentic Manhood - Sunday mornings at 7:30 in Room 105, and Wednesday evenings at 6:00 in Room 102. All men are invited to attend. We are a band of brothers encouraging each other in the faith. Join us!

CREST STUDENTS

High School Dominican Republic Mission Trip: July 3-10. We are currently accepting applications. All applications must be turned in by **February 27th**. If you would like to contribute to help a student with the cost of this \$1200 trip, please contact Wes in the youth office.

Youth Choir (MS & HS) Spring Break Mission Trip to New Orleans - March 16th – 18th. We will be working with the MissionLab at the New Orleans Seminary and be involved in ministry to the homeless, prayer walking, and working at the Food Bank. To top off a great trip, we will sing in the French Quarter, at a nursing home, and near the Ferry station. For more information, please contact Greg O'Neal at 601.853.1090 x 24 or goneal@rcbc.org.

Middle School (MS) BreakAway Retreat – Camp John I Hay, Hazelhurst, MS - April 3-4th – A fun-filled weekend with challenges, both physically and spiritually. *BreakAway* is all new with worship leader Matt Myers joining us! Cost \$35 (\$10 Deposit due by March 1st).

MS Beautiful Feet Mission Trip - Fort Worth, TX – Sunday thru Thursday, May 24-28th. Students will assist the *Beautiful Feet* ministry in serving food, cleaning, painting, kid's clubs, leading worship, and much more! Cost \$85 + Food Money (Deposit of \$35 is due April 5th).

MS WEDNESDAYS (UnPLUGGED): On February 25th – 6:00 – 7:00pm we begin a new series, "Who Do You Think He Is?" We have worship, videos and Bible study from 6:00 – 7:00pm every Wednesday. The Spot Deli is open from 5:00-6:00pm for MS and 6:00-7:00 for HS, with food, drinks, internet & game stations.

MS Grapple (Sunday School) OUTings for 6th, 7th and 8th grades begin TODAY from 12:00n to 2:00pm. Transportation is provided from the church. This is an outreach opportunity to invite friends who will then come to Sunday School each Sunday.

5th Annual Shake, Rattle & Roll Car Show - May 23, 2009. Ridgecrest is going to be hosting this event again this year as our major Missions fundraiser. It takes many volunteers to make this event a success. We need workers who are willing to help make this the best ever. Please contact Bro. Joe to see how you can help and/or sign up at the Missions kiosk across from the Coffee Corner and you will be contacted.

ACTIVE ADULTS – Mark your calendar for Active Adults, **March 6th @ 6:30pm in the RAC.** We will have food, fun and entertainment.

COLLEGE MINISTRY

Spring Break Trip to Chicago - We will leave March 15th and return on the 21st. Deposits are due by March 1st. Contact Wes @ ext. 28 in the Youth Office for more information. All college-age adults are welcome.

CREST WOMEN

New Bible Study Starting This Tuesday, February 24th at 9:00am - Lord, Teach Me to Pray by Kay Arthur will be led by Jane McIntosh and Peggy Runnels. This is a 5 week study. All women are invited to participate.

Hygiene Kits for Nicaragua Missions - Items needed are: **soap, shampoo, toothbrushes and travel-size toothpaste.** Please bring your items to the Women's Ministry kiosk in the walkway. For more information, contact Aletta Walker at 601.853.5910 or 601.259.5858. Thank you once again for your generosity; you are appreciated.

NICARAGUA MISSIONS

Clothing Drive February 1st - May 15th. We need **good, used summer-weight ONLY clothing, flip flops and sandals** for men, women and children. We also need material by the yard or bolt for the sewing school. Put donations in the Missions Bin in the west foyer on the way to the RAC. Thank you for your continued support.

Weekly Opportunities

Sunday, February 22

Men's Prayer Breakfast – 7:00am – RAC
Iron Sharpens Iron: Men's Adventure – 7:30am – Room 105
Preschool, Crest Kids, Students & College-age – 9:00am
Adult Bible Study - 9:00am & 10:30am
9:00am - Traditional Worship & 10:30am - Contemporary Worship
MS Grapple Outings from 12:00n – 2:00pm – Leave from Church
Youth Choir – 4:45pm – Choir room
Dave Ramsey FINANCIAL PEACE – 5:00pm – Madison Community Ctr.
Crest Kids on Mission – 6:00pm - RAC
Mission Friends – 6:00pm – Fellowship Hall
Evening Worship & Bible Study – 6:00pm - Sanctuary
Youth LifeSUPPORT - MS @ 6:00pm - HS @ 7:15pm – Living Room

Monday, February 23

Precept Bible Study – 5:30pm – Room 301

Tuesday, February 24

Ladies Bible Studies – 9:00am – Rooms 301 & 302
Metamorphosis (Teens) – 7:00pm – Living Room

Wednesday, February 25

Fellowship Supper – 4:45pm to 5:50pm – RAC
The Spot Deli: Middle School 5:00pm – High School 6:00pm
MS *UnPLUGGED* – 6:00pm – The Living Room
HS REVOLUTION – 7:15pm – The Living Room
Men's Adventure – 6:00pm – Room 102
Sign Language Classes – 6:00pm – Rooms 104 & 201
Worship KidStyle – 6:00pm – Choir Room
Preschool Choir – 6:00pm – Fellowship Hall
Swilley Small Group Bible Study – 6:00pm – Room 103
Ladies Bible Study – 6:00pm – Room 105
Adult Bible Study & Prayer – 6:00pm - RAC
Adult Sanctuary Choir – 7:00pm – Choir Room

Thursday, February 26

College Bible Study – 7:00pm – The Living Room